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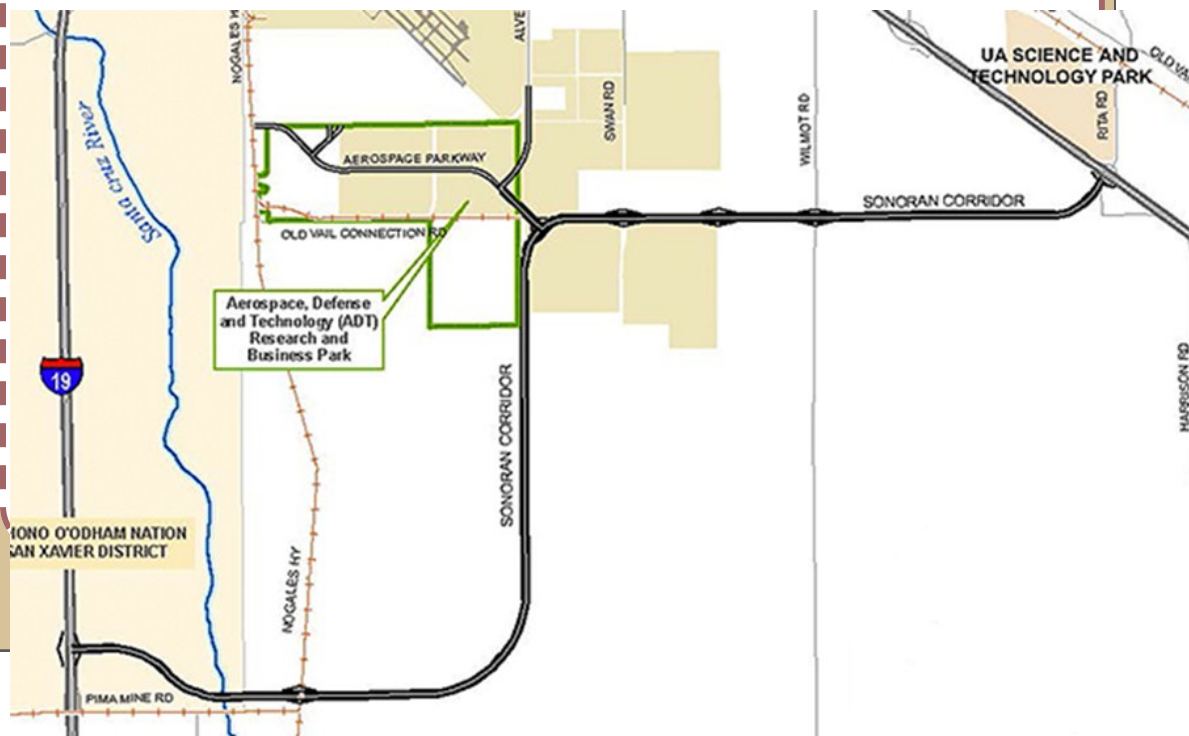
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Economic Development in the Region





Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care
Center**
724-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 243-7999

Continued: A Message From Steve

It's old news now that the majority of 28% of the electorate decided it didn't want any of the bond projects to move forward in Pima County. Firstly, I believe having fewer than one in three voters even participate in the process is pathetic. But, I digress.

We have Visit Tucson out working to market the region. We've got partners working with the airlines to establish direct flights to/from Tucson. In fact, just recently United added a daily Tucson-Chicago nonstop route during peak season, and Alaska Airlines resumed daily nonstop flights between here and Portland. The Tucson Airport Authority is in the midst of a long-term \$200M capital upgrade to its facilities, including the terminals, air traffic control towers, runways, and surrounding areas. Many thought – myself included – that the combined effect of even passing some of the bonds would have been good for the economic growth of the region. We had a set of uncommon allies on that position, and all of them (Chambers of Commerce, Southern Arizona Leadership Conference, Greater Tucson Leadership, environmentalists, tourism advocates, etc.) will continue to press ahead in trying to lift the region economically.

From the standpoint of economic development potential, the one project that stood head and shoulders above the rest for me was the Sonoran Corridor. That was \$30M of the \$200M Road question. If adopted, the whole road package would have added less than a dime to your property taxes. If taken alone, the Sonoran Corridor would be less than a nickel.

The Sonoran Corridor is the connection of I-10 and I-19 down by the Airport and Raytheon. Currently, regional partners are negotiating with the airport authority to move the Raytheon buffer issue forward as quickly as possible. Thanks to the foresight of Council Members Fimbres and Scott, we put a set of incentives into place in that area three years ago to help spur the development of our aerospace and defense sectors. Accomplishing that will go a long way toward solidifying Raytheon as a long-term player in the region, and it will directly benefit our ability to capture commerce coming up from south of the international border.

About a sixth of the electorate said “no” and prevailed. I guess those are the voters who are happy with an economy driven by call centers. I don't think we can allow that result without giving it another try.

Recently, our Federal delegation was able to get the entire Sonoran Corridor project included as a candidate for Federal support. The full cost is in the \$600M range, clearly substantially beyond the \$30M we were asking the voters to support as a showing of good faith to our national leaders that we're in the game, too. We didn't even play penny ante poker while we're asking the Feds to play \$5 slots. I'm concerned the vote last week may make it more difficult for our delegation to push the full funding across the finish line.

The Sonoran Corridor benefits the entire region. It is not credible to suggest it's an expenditure that benefits “special interests.” From homeless to wealthy, we all benefit as this area of the region grows economically.

Last year, we asked the voters to fund a \$22M animal care center. You said “yes” by a 60/40 margin. The City asked you to allow us to bond for road repair. You agreed to that

as well. On the assumption that an \$800M package was a bridge too far, I'd like consideration given to running the Sonoran Corridor question as a stand-alone on the next available election ballot. Or, in the alternative, tie it with road repair again and re-ask the question. It's that important of an issue.

I'll be reaching out to others to solicit their feelings on this. I'm sharing the idea with you here as a way of soliciting input from those of you who read this newsletter. We cannot let that area of the region remain undeveloped and hope to build a thriving regional economy.



In that opening, I mentioned Greater Tucson Leadership (GTL). GTL is a nonprofit whose mission is to grow community leaders by providing educational programs and other community events through which the public is both informed and presumably motivated to act. Maybe even to vote. They touch a lot of different areas (recall last week's list of "40 under 40" – this is a similarly diverse group) and so its reach is pretty broad around the region.

To give you a sense of that breadth, some of the members represent groups as varied as the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Tucson, the Tucson Association of Realtors, Comcast, Long Realty, the Pima County Sheriff's Department, LP&G Marketing, and the Institute for Better Education. The common link is the interest in growing the community economically. Here's the website: www.greatertucsonleadership.org.

GTL helped to promote both the 40 under 40 Awards and the 10West events. Last week, it announced this year's leadership award recipients. I want to share those honorees with you here:

Man of the Year – Fletcher McCusker / CEO of Sinfonia Health Care

Woman of the Year – Rosey Koberlein / CEO of Long Companies

Founders Awards given to both Sheriff Clarence Dupnik and Bishop Jerry Kicanas

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to GTL for its good work in the region.

Downtown Economic Development

When I took office back in 2009, we were pulling out of an economic recession, and the progress downtown was nothing near what we've achieved since then. To illustrate, check out this graphic:



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

There are multiple factors that have helped achieve those results. Those include the set of development incentives the M&C have instituted, our improved relations with the Rio Nuevo Board – pulling the rope in the same direction – the completion of the streetcar, and I would argue a focused effort by the Downtown Tucson Partnership and private sector investors who simply wouldn't give up on downtown revitalization. The graphic is proof.

Above, I've made the case for growth and development in other parts of the valley. I'll continue to be a strong advocate for investment in our downtown core, and yet I will also rally to the support of my colleagues on the M&C, and those on the Board of Supervisors, who champion development along the Sonoran Corridor and in that area generally. We need the jobs all throughout the region, not just downtown. And frankly, the jobs we're trying to attract out by Raytheon and TAA are higher-paying and a larger boost to our economy than what we're developing downtown.

We need it all – and making that point is the reason I'm opening this week with a strong push for what I believe is an important revisiting of a missed opportunity relative to last week's election.

Prelude to the Safe Seniors Event

Over the past couple of weeks a door-to-door scam has been occurring in midtown. KOLD reported last week that it's also happening up in the Marana area. I've heard of it in Sam Hughes, Broadmoor/Broadway, San Clemente, and Mitman. Here are a few details.

People will come to your door and say they work for a nonprofit that sends CARE packages to our service men and women overseas. The group is suspected to be involved with several burglaries in Marana, Continental Ranch, and now in midtown. If nobody answers the door, they know the place is unoccupied and rip you off.

So far Marana police have cited eight members of the fake charity for failing to have a door-to-door solicitation permit.

Residents in midtown have been 'talking' on both their neighborhood listservs and on Nextdoor. It's great to see the exchanges. You're the eyes and ears for TPD. If you see anything like this, immediately call 911 – and then post to your neighbors in whatever way you've established.

These sorts of incidents will become even more common as we get closer to the holidays. They make next week's Safe Seniors event a must for the seniors in your life.

Heads-Up on another Scam

This note came out over the weekend from UAPD. I thought it'd be worth sharing more broadly than just with the campus community:



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

**Police
Department**

CAMPUS WATCH

November 6, 2015

The University of Arizona Police Department has been made aware of some instances in Tucson where individuals misrepresent themselves as Uber or Lyft drivers. These situa-

tions could be dangerous and UAPD would like to remind you to utilize good safety practices at all times. If you use Uber or Lyft, do not get in unless you verify the identity of the driver and what type of vehicle will be picking you up. Remember: “If you See Something, Say Something” and immediately report suspicious activity to **9-1-1**, UAPD Tips line at **621-8477 (TIPS)** or **88-CRIME**.

Safe Seniors Event

On the heels of our very successful Flu Shot / health screening event last weekend, it's time now to focus on this week's Safe Seniors event that'll be held out at La Quinta on Alvernon, just north of Broadway. I've promoted this several times, and the community is stepping up and showing a tremendous amount of interest in attending. To your credit, several neighborhoods are organizing vans and other transportation options for seniors who may not otherwise have the means to get to the event. Some assisted living homes and other retirement living communities are bringing residents over in their vans. And now we have an independent offer to help with transport.

Our midtown CSO, Dan Lucas, has shared that Tribute Transportation is volunteering to go and pick up seniors – at no charge – who would like to participate in the event. Steve Fredricks is working with several transportation providers to offer this service. They've already got some town cars and minivans lined up.

In fairness, Steve needs advance notice if you think you'll need a lift. If that's you, please give him a call at 484.6358, or email him at Tucson.seniors@gmail.com. The capacity is limited, so it's key to make this arrangement as soon as possible.

To refresh your memory, this is the event that TPD and other local agencies are putting together to educate about some of the scams that are prevalent in the area, and about services geared towards our senior population that you may not be familiar with. It's all free, and will run from 10am until 2pm on the 14th over at the hotel. This is shaping up to be a significant Tucson event. We're proud to host it in Ward 6, and we're grateful to Officer Lucas for his hard work in pulling it all together.

More on the Safety of the Public Prison / Sentencing Reform



In the recent several weeks, a group of us have been meeting to talk about prison and sentencing reform and how these issues might play out in next year's statewide elections. It's encouraging to see that the issue is also being discussed at the national level and on a bipartisan basis. It's also being embraced by law enforcement.

Last week, more than 130 of the nation's leading law enforcement officials jointly called for criminal justice reform. Their group includes city police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and state attorneys general. Their claim at the news conference was “we can reduce crime and at the same time reduce incarceration rates.” The group is focused on three primary areas:

- a) More alternatives to the arrest/prosecution cycle – reduce the number of people entering prison in the first place. This is particularly key for the mentally ill and substance abusers. They currently make up a disproportionate number of the people behind bars.
- b) Address overly-severe sentencing laws. Our local group is tackling this for Arizona. As

with this group of police chiefs, we see reclassifying some non-violent felonies and other smaller crimes as misdemeanors (as was done in California last year) as one way forward. Reform of mandatory-minimum sentences would give judges more flexibility to tailor punishments to better match individual circumstances.

- c) Rebuilding relations with local communities and establishing a higher degree of trust between police and residents. We've largely got very good relations, and yet there's always room for improvement.

At the same time, Congress is moving toward bipartisan, comprehensive criminal justice reform legislation. Some of the major provisions address mandatory minimum sentencing for repeat drug offenders, allowing for 'compassionate release' of terminally ill or medium-risk inmates who have completed anti-recidivism programs, and increasing the opportunity for non-violent juveniles to expunge their records. It also raises the statutory penalty for unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon from 10 years to 15 years and creates a new 10-year mandatory minimum for people convicted of 'interstate domestic violence' that leads to the death of a victim. I'll keep an eye on the bill as it moves through committee and let you know how it fares.

What we're talking about in our local meetings is similar to those other efforts. It's good to see broad support for addressing sentencing reform. We spend over \$1B annually in Arizona in our Corrections budget. The results in terms of repeat offenders is dismal. We can do better. More to come.

Police Chief Selection

That thought leads me to an update on my preferred police chief choice, current Richmond, California Chief Chris Magnus. I shared some thoughts last week, but have since come across more good information on the guy.

Yahoo Global News ran a piece on Magnus. It was authored by Katie Couric. Here are a couple of quotes from the article that I found particularly on point for our selection process:

Not only are relationships between the people and the police strong, but the statistics indicate that the policies instituted by Chief Magnus are significantly reducing crime. Violent crime has been dropping nationally for years – down 14.5% since 2004, according to the FBI. In Richmond, it has dropped even faster. Homicides in this city of just over 100,000 are down from 47 in 2007 to just 11 last year.

In Richmond, Chief Magnus has instituted what's called "geographic policing." They assign officers to specific beats for extended periods of time. During those assignments, they establish relationships with the residents, learn their top priorities for their areas, and make an effort to address those first. Those active partnerships have a huge impact on trust-building. Our citizen selection committee asked each of the candidates about "community policing." A piece of that is what I just described. Magnus had this to say about the philosophy:

"Pretty much every department, if you ask them, would say they're doing community policing. And I think most believe it. But the challenge is: is community policing really policing the community in the way that the community wants to be policed, or is it driven by the police department?" That's where his emphasis on learning priorities comes in. As I mentioned last week, he engages the people.



I also mentioned the concern that some have over his becoming involved with a Black Lives Matter rally. When Couric asked him about that, he said this: "It seemed to totally represent what we're trying to accomplish, which is respect: this idea that we acknowledge that the relationship between police and the African American community, particularly in many cities, has really been at best strained and at worst incredibly difficult

for many, many years. It doesn't mean a wholesale endorsement of attacks on police or saying that police are brutal or racist across the board. Of course I don't feel that way. I feel like all lives matter. That's really what community policing should be about."

I'm not calling anybody out in terms of who's standing in opposition to Magnus' selection, but I will defend the choice our citizen panel recommended to us. New eyes and new thoughts don't dismiss that which came before, but they can also be a healthy addition. If he's hired, I'm not going to agree with the new guy on everything, but I will respect his attempts to reach out into the community and build rapport. I will respect his creative solutions to staffing and resource allocation. We'll move the process along, and I'm hopeful that if he's hired, both the community and our police officers will give the new chief a chance to succeed.

I'll close with this thought. In the past two weeks I've spoken to several police officers – up and down the command chain. There is not an outpouring of discontent over my support of Magnus. To the contrary, the vast majority of our police force isn't in the political weeds and controversy that's being caused by a small percentage of the union leadership. I have every confidence that the rank and file will support our hire, whoever it is, and keep the greater good of the community front and center. That's the confidence I have in our police force. Sadly, what you'll more likely see in the media are the few voices that just want to foster division. They don't reflect the majority of our officers.

Winston-Salem State University

Here's this week's update on gun violence – one dead, one wounded, and the shooter still at large from another campus shooting incident that occurred last week. Our first Wear Orange committee meeting will be held this week in preparation for Tucson events next year that will once again show how this city stands together in support of legislation that addresses access to mental health treatment and introduces gun safety laws that may have an impact on these senseless shooting sprees.

Smart Gun Opposition

On a related note, the NRA continues to block efforts of domestic gun manufacturers and sellers from the distribution of "Smart Guns." I wrote about these a while back, but to refresh your memory, these are the guns that "recognize" the fingerprint of the owner and won't discharge for anybody else. There's a touch pad by the trigger that the owner touches to activate the firing mechanism. These are intended to prevent the sale of stolen guns onto the open marketplace, incidents of children accidentally killing a sibling or friend, or law enforcement officers being shot by their own weapon if it's lost in a struggle with a suspect.

The most recent attempt by a gun dealer to sell these ended up with him being subject to a barrage of emails and phone calls threatening all sorts of retribution. He backed down. Sad.

The product is called Armatix – Google it and you can see what the domestic market is missing out on. The NRA is losing its mind over the potential of it being sold domestically.

Homeless Ordinance

2. Political power; purpose of government

Section 2. All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established *to protect and maintain individual rights*.

That's from the Arizona State Constitution. "Protecting and maintaining individual rights" is at the core of the balance we're trying to achieve with putting together appropriate guidelines relative to the homeless, and balancing those with the rights of others in the community.

This topic deserves to be included in this larger section related to the safety of the public for a couple of reasons. First, we've had to address public safety issues when closing down Viente de Agosto Park in downtown – drug deals, overdoses, fights, and other public safety issues. Those are safety issues for not only passersby, but for the less fortunate among us who are engaged in the incidents. What we adopted last week was a step towards a balanced approach to addressing the needs of the homeless, those in the business community, and others who are also using those public spaces.

We provided some clarity in terms of where people can sit and lie down, and agreed that at least a five foot open passageway be provided on any sidewalk. The summary of those parts of the ordinance is:

- a) People may gather their belongings and sit/sleep/lie down in parks during daylight hours.
- b) People may not sit/lie down on sidewalks during daylight in the downtown core, along 4th Avenue, or around Main Gate.
- c) Aggressive panhandling and other already criminal offenses are noted for continued enforcement.
- d) A permit is required to sleep/camp in City parks after dark
- e) No portion of sidewalk in an underpass or overpass may be obstructed. Those restricted areas must be left fully open for people to walk/bike through.

Where I say "during daylight hours," it's intentionally vague. We're still sorting out the exact times of day that'll apply.

We did not finalize two other pieces of the ordinance. They have to do with the distribution of food, and with how much in the way of belongings a person can lay out on or adjacent to sidewalks.

The draft language allowed people and agencies to get a free food distribution permit when they want to distribute to more than 10 people at once. (Smaller distributions wouldn't require a permit.) The permits would be good in 10 day increments for a period of up to 60 days. If the area in which the food was being distributed began to suffer public health and safety issues during any one of the 10 day segments, we'd reserve the right to not issue the permit for the next segment. I felt that was a fair balance between the desire on the part of churches and other agencies to do feeding operations and the desire of peo-

ple near feeding sites to be protected from the impacts that feeding large groups can create. The mayor agreed. We did not have the support of our colleagues to move on that piece of this last week. Instead, a stakeholder group that has been meeting will continue to look at the issue, and we'll respond to its input on December 8th.

On the same date, we'll also take a look at the volume of stuff that a person can amass on or around sidewalks. In the original draft, staff recommended a limit of three cubic feet. Before the item came to us last Wednesday, I challenged that limit based on a concern that the only people it would apply to are the homeless. People who have a house don't generally travel around town with that much in the way of "stuff." My concerns were twofold:

- 1) We may not adopt an ordinance that criminalizes any person based on his/her status. Nor should we. My argument is that if we adopt something that in reality will have a clearly disparate impact on people based on their status as "homeless," we run the risk of losing some or all of the Federal funding we have to address other homeless needs. Beyond that, it's just wrong. And yet, in his ruling last fall, Judge Bury told us that we do not have to allow the mess that had built up around the downtown core – couches, chairs, tents, pods, etc. I have asked the City Attorney to return to us on December 8th with some balanced and defensible limit that won't run afoul of the courts. I won't sign onto an ordinance that will only result in litigation in which we'd be unlikely to prevail.
- 2) My second concern had to do with the legitimate needs and rights of businesses and private citizens who are trying to make their way around downtown. We have a responsibility to include those rights in whatever we end up adopting. That's the balance I'm searching for with our City Attorney. I don't know where it is, but based on Judge Bury's ruling, it exists somewhere. Getting us a solid, defensible, and compassionate legal opinion on that tough question is why the City Attorney makes the big bucks.

This M&C has been accused of not addressing the issue of homelessness. We spend over \$15M annually in Federal pass-through dollars, plus another \$1.5M from our General Fund, on many aspects of the needs of the less fortunate. We are facing a legal decision coming from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and we're watching how HUD weighs in on this issue in other jurisdictions. None of this is clear and easily defined in law. We're doing the right thing by taking the steps we can and studying those that deserve further review. We'll get there in a measured and compassionate manner.

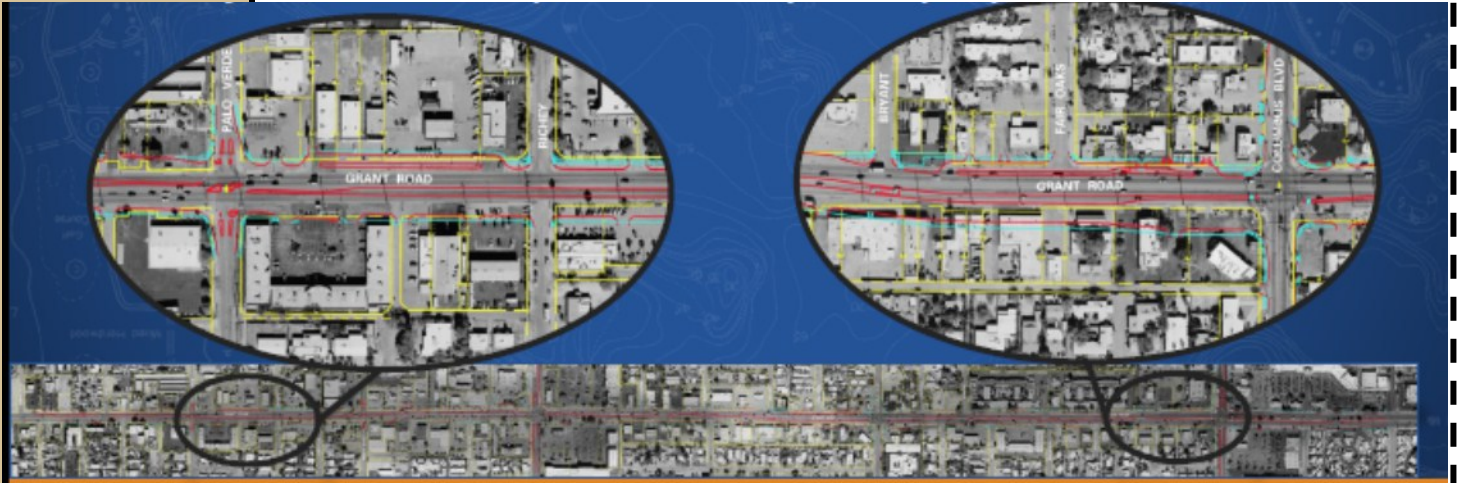
Grant Road Update

I know there's concern over how the Broadway design process is moving along. Much of that concern is over the ability and/or inclination of the design team to truly make an effort to preserve existing structures. In an attempt to perhaps ease some of those concerns, I'm sharing this update from last week's Grant Road design update.

The project team for Grant already has the alignment established. They also have a budget to work within. Segments 3 and 4 run from Palo Verde out to Venice Place. They'll be built concurrently with one another. The planned construction period is 2017 to 2019 at a cost of \$31M. As it will be with Broadway, the project budget is important as a design consideration.

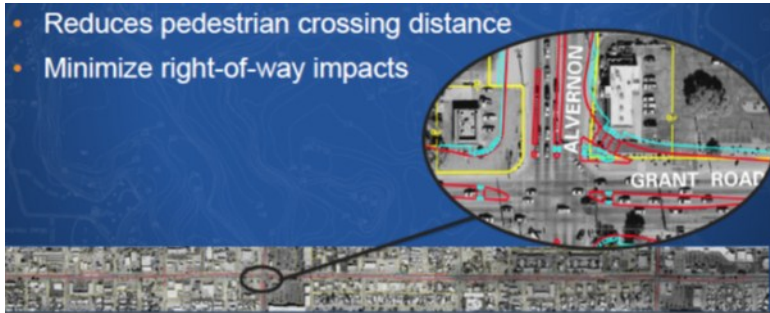
At the recent Grant Road public presentation, two design modifications were announced,

both of which speak to the flexibility the design team is invoking as the plans evolve. The first change eliminates a frontage road to avoid the full acquisition of up to seven properties in the Palo Verde to Richey and Bryant to Columbus segments.



We'll see similar challenges along the Broadway corridor. This precedent should give stakeholders some room for confidence that the design team is looking at both budget constraints and preservation. They aren't mutually exclusive.

Another item of importance in the Broadway design is pedestrian safety. At the Alvernon/Grant intersection, the Grant Road design team has eliminated a channelized right turn (pork chop) in order to make the intersection safer for pedestrians.



- Reduces pedestrian crossing distance
- Minimize right-of-way impacts

The reduction in ROW impact should also help from a budgetary standpoint.

We've got a long way to go in the Broadway design process. I felt it was important to share what's happening on Grant as a way to continue to build confidence that the design team is implementing strategies that speak to the kind of concerns that were also voiced during the Broadway design meetings. I mention it also as a signal to our design team that similar considerations need to be a part of the planning process along Broadway.

Feldman's Development

A quick note to share that design processes don't always go smoothly. We are currently engaging with the leadership and residents from Feldman's neighborhood in an effort to preserve the spirit of their Neighborhood Preservation Zone design guidelines. At least two projects that would have significant negative impacts on the immediately surrounding neighbors are in the planning stages, and neither respects the rhythm and massing of the existing area. It would appear we're on the verge of another round of mini-dorm battles. I note this here to suggest there's a need to stay in the game as design processes evolve.

There's good design, and there's obtrusive design. Alison and I joined the Feldman's neighbors last week and advanced the discussion of stepping out in front of the latter. More to come as I get staff involved with this discussion.

More Good News for Broadway



Last Thursday, Amy and I joined Tucson Clean & Beautiful outreach director B.J. Cordova and our Streets and Traffic Administrator Jorge Riveros out on Broadway to thank our Visit Tucson Partners for their community service. Visit Tucson Partnership Sales Manager Joe Hauge has taken the lead on coordinating their staff to adopt the Broadway/Alvernon area for clean-ups. This is a significant corridor for us, so their work is very much appreciated.

Tucson Clean & Beautiful runs our Adopt-a-Park and public areas program. Right now we have 317 areas which have been "adopted" by groups. Many are from the UA, but religious groups, businesses, and neighborhoods are also involved. These adoption efforts are a great example of public/private partnerships making ours a more livable community. Many thanks to Brent DeRaad and his folks for taking on this important area. The work's not glamorous, but it's certainly important.

Red Light Cameras

I began this by speaking about last week's bond election. Another item on that ballot was the removal of red light cameras. Monica from KOLD correctly quoted me as having said that I don't think that item would have even been on the ballot if we had proactively changed the definition of the intersection and with that reduced the number of tickets being written on people caught in "no-man's lan" while making left hand turns. We didn't, and so the voters told us to get rid of the cameras completely.

The vote wasn't close. In respect of that, we're going to stop citing anybody who might be caught in an intersection by the cameras, retroactive to the day after the election. The process is that a person gets flashed by the system, and TPD reviews the video images to see whether or not a ticket is warranted. In about a third of the cases, we actually went ahead and cited. Now we're saying, based on the will of the voters, we're going to stop the reviews.

In the normal course of things, the election results aren't effective until we officially approve them. That is scheduled to occur during our November 17th meeting. We're jumping ahead of that for red light camera enforcement.

It's obvious, but to make sure nobody writes to ask – you are still expected to obey all traffic control devices. If an officer sees you run a red light, you'll get ticketed and you'll deserve it.

Three Area Events

Deserving of special note are these three events that are coming in the immediate future.

E.S. Mural Art

The folks at Tucson Arts Brigade have finished reviewing 44 applications that were submitted in response to E.S.'s pilot program involving painting murals on certain City-owned refuse containers. The goal is of course to reduce graffiti tagging. Our Environmental Services leadership has offered up \$5K towards the program as a way of testing the notion that murals won't get tagged, they'll upgrade the aesthetic of the surrounding area, and we'll save taxpayer money that would otherwise have to go towards graffiti abatement.

The five artists selected for this program are Niki Glen, Johanna Hand, Sasha Lewis, Porter McDonald, and Ruben Moreno. They were chosen by a peer-review panel process by seven people who are affiliated with TAB but who reflect a diverse cross-section of the community.

The designs for the work will be submitted for review by November 10th. The work is scheduled to be completed before Christmas. We're looking forward to seeing how this process works. As that pilot program is beginning, we're also working with TPAC and TDOT to put together a pilot program that can hopefully keep this initiative moving forward in departments other than Environmental Services. Stay tuned – more on this to come.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Police
Department



The UA Police Department is teaming up with Veterans Education and Transition Services Center (VETS) for this year's Toys for Tots campus initiative. This is the program sponsored by the USMC through which families of service men and women receive gifts over the upcoming holidays.



V.E.T.S.

The drop boxes for this program are located on campus, in the main lobby of UAPD (Campbell and 1st) and also in the VETS office that's located in the Student Union (Room 404-O). In order to participate, you need to bring an unwrapped toy for either a boy or a girl, and get it to the donation site before Friday, December 11th. This annual event is so very much appreciated by our service families, and it only costs those who give the price of a toy and the time to drop it off. I hope you consider taking part.

Armory Park Neighborhood Historic District Tour

The final of these three events is the upcoming Historic District Tour that'll be conducted in Armory Park. The event will take place from noon until 5pm on Saturday, December 14th. It's a self-guided tour that will begin at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, located at 545 S. 5th Avenue.

The tour will include both historic homes and gardens, and historic business structures, in some cases dating back to pre-1900. Many are now being reused as galleries or restaurants. The phrase of art is "adaptive reuse."

If you can make the tour, your donation to participate is \$20, which will all go directly to help fund the Armory Park "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" program. It's yet another example of how this community steps up and takes care of our own.

Art-Environment Network



Greg Garfin is an Associate Professor in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the UA. He's also Deputy Director of Translational Environmental Research at the Institute of the Environment. He's heading up a new interdisciplinary group on campus called the Art-Environment Network. Their goal is to establish a collaboration between environmental

study and the arts. If you look at that guy in the graphic above, you can see that nature has already beaten us to that punch. The result of adaptation is indeed artistic.

With the interdisciplinary work, the goal is to more effectively push issues related to climate change out into the community and through that promote environmental resiliency.

The group is putting together a series of public events. The next two are:

- **November 13th:** An Art-Environment Network tour of the collection of unusual trees adapted to semiarid climates will be held with the Campus Arboretum at 1 p.m. The group will meet on the west side of Old Main.
- **December 4th:** The Art-Environment Network is hosting a lunch, which will include short "TED Talk" presentations by Cokinos, Mel Dominguez, Paul Mi-rocha, Erika Colombi and Kathleen Velo. The event will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 604 of ENR2. RSVPs are required by contacting **Angie Brown** at aabrown5@email.arizona.edu.

You can check out the rest of the calendar [online](#). If you're interested in being added to

their listserv, email Angie Brown at the email address shown above. It's more good stuff coming from campus and connecting with the community.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kozachik', written in a cursive style.

Steve Kozachik,
Ward 6 Council Member
ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

Safe Seniors Event

Saturday, November 14, 2015 | 10 am – 2 pm

La Quinta Inn Ballroom, 102 N Alvernon Way

Join the Tucson Police Department Operations Midtown Division for an event that will provide our senior community with access to information and resources for keeping their Golden Years safe and healthy. A wide variety of community organizations will be on hand and there will be a prescription drug disposal station.

Produce on Wheels Without Waste (P.O.W.W.O.W.)

Saturday, November 14, 2015 | 8 am – 11 am

Tucson High Magnet School, 400 N 2nd Ave (in parking lot off 8th St)

POWWOW disperses fresh produce to communities at churches, schools and other entities throughout Northern and Southern Arizona. Anyone can contribute \$10 to shop for up to 60 lbs. of fresh nutritional rescued produce to share with neighbors, friends, family, or someone in need. Join the THMS PTA at its POWWOW, which benefits teachers through classroom mini-grants. Contact: Betts Putnam-Hidalgo at 520-576-7982. Find other POWWOW events across the city at www.borderlandsfoodbank.org.

Tucson LGBTQ Community Building & Programs Forum

Thursday, November 12, 2015 | 6 pm – 9 pm

Donna Liggins Recreation Center, 2160 N 6th Ave

A coalition of community members and supporters of the Tucson LGBTQ community are hosting a Community Forum to discuss current and future programming needs of the LGBTQ community. For more information and to RSVP, visit: www.facebook.com/events/539110102909206/541359282684288.

LGBTQ Aging Issues Community Dialogue

Thursday, November 12, 2015 | 1 pm – 4 pm

Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S Country Club Rd, Suite 100

You are invited to share your ideas, concerns, and hopes for improving the lives of Arizona's LGBTQ elders. All are welcome. The event will include speakers from SAGE and the AZ ACLU as well as an LGBTQ older adult panel and a service provider panel. Please RSVP online at www.lgbtqagingdialogue.eventbrite.com or phone Serena Worthington at 773-508-1048.

Ongoing

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

Presenting "Hamlet" and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by Tom Stoppard in rotating repertory from October 15 through November 22.

www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St

tucsonconventioncenter.com/event-calendar/

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln

Saturdays 8 am – 12 pm, April to November; 12 pm – 4 pm, December to March

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson’s historic San Agustin Mission. For guided tours call 520-777-9270 and leave message.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

September 11, 2015 – January 3, 2016: “Nature Connects, Art with LEGO Bricks”

www.tucsonbotanical.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St

hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

www.rialtototheatre.com/

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org